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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1955.

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June, 1956.

To the Chairman, and Members of the
Bridport Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1955.

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The health of the community has been good. Although the standardised Birth Rate was lower than the National Birth Rate, the standardised Death Rate was also lower. The incidence of Infectious Diseases was very low except for Measles, of which 187 cases were notified, mostly in the last quarter of the year.

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended to me by Members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Colonel Maddocks, the Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. Newman, the Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

I am, your obedient servant,

A. Armit

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....	Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor,.....	L.A.F. Maddocks, A.M.C.T., M.I.M.S.
and Water Engineer.....	A.M.I. Mech.E., L.R.I.B.A., F.R.S.A.
Assistant Sanitary Inspector.....	J.R. Newman, A.R.S.H., M.S.I.A..
Meat Inspector (Part-time).....	K.I. Marshall, M.R.C.V.S..
Clerk to the Medical Officer	Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres.	31,769
Registrar General's estimate of population	7,380
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at the end of 1955) ..	2,685
Rateable Value	£37,493
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£146

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.	M.	F.	
Total Births.	38	38	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	36	34	resident population - 10.29 crude.
Illegitimate.	2	4	12.55 corrected.
			Comparability Factor 1.22

Still Births.	M.	F.	
Total Still Births.	1	2	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	1	2	resident population - 0.41

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age.

	M.	F.	
Total.	2	2	Death Rate of all Infants per 1,000
Legitimate.	2	2	notified Births - 52.66

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

	M.	F.	
Total.	2	1	Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks
Legitimate.	2	1	per 1,000 notified births - 39.47

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.....Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births.....Nil.

Deaths at all ages and from all Causes

M.	F.	
55	56	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated
		resident population - 15.04 crude
		10.38 corrected.
		Comparability Factor 0.69

Note - Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the population of the various Districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males. 1-3 Qrts.	Males. 4 Qrt.	Females. 1-3 Qrts.	Females. 4 Qrt.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis respiratory.	1	-	-	-	1
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	-	2	-	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	-	1	-	-	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	4	2	3	1	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1	-	-	-	1
16. Diabetes.	1	1	-	-	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	3	2	1	4	10
18. Coronary disease, angina.	7	1	8	1	17
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	1	2	2	1	6
20. Other heart disease.	10	-	12	5	27
21. Other circulatory disease.	-	-	-	1	1
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	1	-	2	-	3
24. Bronchitis.	1	-	-	-	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	-	-	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.	-	-	1	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	1	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	2	-	-	-	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	1	-	-	1
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases.	6	3	7	1	17
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.	2	-	1	-	3
35. Suicide.	-	-	1	-	1
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	42.	13.	42.	14.	111.

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Population	6895	7138	7266	7612	7605	7729	7670	7593	7669	7490	7380
Rateable Value	£30959	£33057	£33768	£33714	£34029	£34772	£35271	£36052	£36733	£35701	£37493
Estimated Produce of Penny Rate	£129	£137	£137	£141	£141	£143	£145	£147	£148	£143	£146
BIRTHS.											
Live Births	79	136	118	104	109	109	97	97	102	79	76
Legitimate	71	130	113	99	102	105	95	94	99	76	70
Illegitimate	8	6	5	5	7	4	2	3	3	3	6
Still Births	4	-	1	2	2	4	3	1	2	5	3
Live Birth Rate (crude)	11.5	19.1	16.2	13.7	14.3	14.1	12.7	12.8	13.3	10.6	10.3
Live Birth Rate (corrected)						16.3	14.6	14.6	15.2	12.9	12.6
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	15.6	19.2	20.6	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0
DEATHS.											
Total Deaths	115	99	107	116	116	110	111	93	103	100	111
Death Rate (crude)	12.4	13.9	14.7	15.2	15.3	14.2	14.5	12.2	13.4	13.4	15.0
Death Rate (corrected)					10.8	10.1	10.1	8.5	9.4	9.2	10.4
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	11.6	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7
INFANT MORTALITY.											
Deaths under 1 year	2	4	1	1	5	1	-	3	2	3	4
Infantile Death Rate	25.3	29.4	8.5	9.6	45.9	9.2	-	30.9	19.6	38	39.5
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	53	42.9	41.4	33.9	32.4	29.6	29.7	27.6	26.8	25.4	24.9
MATERNAL DEATHS.											
Maternal Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)	2.97	1.43	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76	0.69	0.64

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The District is made up of 18 parishes with a combined area of 50 square miles and a population of 7,380. Agriculture is the basic industry, mostly dairy farming, and the villagers along the 20 mile coast cater for holiday makers. Many of the householders are engaged (part-time) as outworkers in the Net abd Twine Industry based on Bridport Borough.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Rural District Council supply Charmouth, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge, and parts of Askerswell villages, while the following supplies are privately owned.

(a) Bridport Water Works Company Ltd.
(b) Barnes' supply, Symondsbury,
(c) Chideock Water Works Company.
(d) W.T. Bridges' supply, Ryall.
(e) The Colfox Estate, Symondsbury.
(f) The Pass Estate, Wootton Fitzpaine.
(g) Hastead's supply, Morcombelake.
(h) West Bexington Water Works Company.
(i) Whitchurch Canonicorum Water Works Company.

Bridport Water Works Company Ltd.

This Company, in addition to supplying the Borough of Bridport, also supplies in the Rural District, the parishes of Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney and parts of Allington and Symondsbury, although their statutory area also includes the parishes of Loders and Swyre. Approximately 2,500 persons out of a total of 4,000 in the statutory area, receive Company's water including 250 - 300 dependent on standpipes. In connection with the proposed Puncknowle Water Scheme, the Rural Council have been given permission by the Company to supply part of the parish of Swyre.

Chemical Analysis. (in parts per million)

Appearance - Bright with a few mineral particles.

Colour -	Nil	Turbidity	under 3
pH	7.5	Odour	Nil
Electric Conductivity	385	Free Carbon Dioxide	9
Chlorine present as Chloride	20	Total solids	260
Hardness: Total	210	Alkalinity as	
Nitrate Nitrogen	2.2	Calcium Carbonate	175
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.000	Carbonate	175
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.000	Non-Carbonate	35
Metals	Absent	Nitrite Nitrogen	under 0.01
		Oxygen Absorbed	0.10
		Residual Chlorine,	absent.

Askerswell.

The source of this supply yields 6,500 gallons with a storage capacity of 2,000 gallons. A second supply of 6,800 gallons is available in the Square and consists of a well and a standpipe nearby. No work to protect the springs of the first source has been undertaken during the year.

Charmouth.

44,750 gallons are collected from shallow sources and supply 800 persons increased to 2,000 in the summer, through 4 miles of mains and a reservoir of 40,000 gallons capacity. An outline scheme to replace the 2" C.I. main with a 3" C.I. main in Higher Sea Lane with link to Lower Sea Lane was made but the work was not proceeded with. It will be re-considered in next year's estimates. There is a shortage of water in the summer months and it is urgent that additional supplies are found so as to overcome this annual shortage.

Chideock.

In this village also, there is a shortage of water in the summer months and additional supplies are urgently needed. Both Charmouth and Chideock are very popular holiday resorts and increase their population nearly threefold, hence the demand for water exceeds the supplies. Although after the 1953 Enquiry, the Ministry agreed the terms of the purchase of the Chideock Water Undertaking by the Rural District Council on grounds of urgency, the purchase has not been made and consequently augmentation to the supply has had to remain in abeyance.

Loders.

This village is almost entirely dependent upon wells and urgently needs a piped supply.

Puncknowle.

As far back as 1950 a Public Enquiry was held regarding a piped supply to this village and also to Swyre and Bexington. Although tenders were received in 1954 and sent to the Ministry, approval was not given to accept and so no work was commenced during 1955.

Shipton Gorge.

The scheme for this village was completed in October, and 61 out of 62 houses in the area of supply have now piped water. The reservoir and mains have been designed to fit in with the Area Scheme when this comes along.

Symondsbury.

The Colfox Estate supplies the village and parts of the parish while the Bridport Water Works Company supplies other parts including West Cliff Estate at West Bay.

Whitchurch Canonicorum.

At the end of 1952 the Whitchurch Canonicorum Water Works Company asked the Rural District Council to take over the Undertaking and the Council agreed to negotiate the purchase. The Surveyor in July, 1955 reported on the quantity of water available and the estimated requirements. In December, the Parish Council wrote to the Rural District Council enquiring about the purchase of the water Undertaking and the Surveyor was asked to make further investigations and report.

Wootton Fitzpaine.

The Council houses at Partway are supplied from the Pass family Trust piped supply, the Council having constructed a hardening chamber on the supply, while at Monkton Wyld Cross, the Council houses are supplied from the adjacent East Devon Water Board's Mains.

Analyses.

The following table shows the results of Bacteriological analyses carried out during the year.

Supplies.	Total.	Satisfactory.	Suspicious.	Unsatisfactory
Local Authority.	8	6	1	1
Private.	26	11	2	13

As has been stated in many previous Annual Reports, the Rural District is inadequately supplied with water both for human and agricultural needs. Most of the parishes are supplied from village small schemes while others depend upon wells. The source of these as a rule are unsatisfactory either in quality or quantity. Efforts have been made to improve several of the local schemes and Public Enquiries have been held and sanctions have been obtained mainly on the grounds of emergency rather than on broad long-term policy with however the proviso that these improvements would fit in with an area scheme when this matured. The Council, recognising that overall planning was essential, engaged in 1954, a firm of Consultants to formulate a comprehensive water supply scheme for the whole of the District. Their Report was placed before the Council in Committee in April, 1955 and copies were submitted to the Dorset County Council, and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The County Sanitary Engineer in July sent his observations regarding the Consultants, outline scheme, and the Ministry suggested to the Council that a meeting in London to discuss the Scheme would be welcomed. The deputation from the Council met Ministry Officials in November, and as a result of the visit, the Council resolved to call a joint meeting of the four Local Authorities in West Dorset together with representatives from the two Statutory Water Undertakers viz. The Bridport Water Works Company, and The Lyme Regis Water Works Company, and also from the Dorset County Council and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, to discuss the question of water supplies in West Dorset and the formation of a joint Committee or Water Board.

It may be here restated, that the Bridport Rural District Council have in the past, attempted to combine with neighbouring Authorities over district schemes e.g. they agreed with Bridport Borough to act jointly in exploring the possibility of taking over The Bridport Water Works Company but after prolonged negotiations, abandoned the idea in 1954, mainly because of the valuation which had been placed on the Undertaking.

Approximately 3,500 persons take supplies from Public Mains, 1,000 receive piped water from private Undertakings and the remaining 3,000 rely on shallow wells and springs of doubtful quality and insufficient quantity.

Drainage and Sewerage.

As stated in previous Reports, the District is not satisfactorily sewered and all the streams are receiving crude sewage from the villages through which they flow. This is particularly true at Charmouth, Chideock, Burton Bradstock, Symondsbury, Bradpole, Shipton Gorge, Puncknowle and Walditch. Two years ago, the Council agreed on a priority list to drain the following villages; Shipton Gorge, Burton Bradstock, Charmouth, Puncknowle, Chideock, Walditch and Symondsbury.

Bradpole.

No work was commenced during the year on the proposed Coneygar Estate sewer. The position on this estate is deteriorating rapidly as new houses are being built and are discharging into temporary pits which are causing nuisances.

Burton Bradstock.

The sewerage scheme for this village was commenced in October, the contract figure being approximately £36,000 which is equivalent to £52 per person of winter population.

Charmouth.

A Public Enquiry was held on 14th. October into the Council's proposed sewerage scheme and the Minister's decision is now awaited.

Shipton Gorge.

The scheme for this village was commenced in July, 1954, but was not completed at the end of 1955, even though the Contractor had been given two extensions of time.

Puncknowle.

With a prospect of the water supply question being settled soon, more detailed plans for a sewerage system are being prepared.

Sewer Maintenance.

This has been carried out only intermittently during the year owing to transport difficulties. It is hoped that this problem will be solved by the Council in 1956.

Public Cleansing.

A monthly collection of refuse and salvage at present operates, indestructible household refuse only being collected. This scheme is operated by three men using a 3/4 ton Bedford lorry with trailer. Refuse is dumped into the old quarries at Bennett's Hill, Burton Bradstock and Litton Cheney. Following the closing of the tip at Charmouth at the end of 1954, inspections for a new site were made in the West of the district and one was chosen at Charmouth. The application for this site is now before the Town Planning Authorities for approval.

The Council might consider the question of collecting ashes especially from their Urban areas where garden space is limited and where householders have difficulty in disposing of their ashes. When the site at Charmouth is approved, the Council might consider commencing a total refuse collection for Charmouth.

19 visits were made during the year in connection with public cleansing.

Salvage Collected during 1955.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrts.
Paper.	12	3	3
Textiles.		3	3½
Scrap.	4	15	0
	17	2	2½

Petroleum, Spirit and Carbide.

Number of Petroleum licences granted during the year.....11.

43 visits were made in connection with the above.

All petroleum installations have been visited and electrical systems and fire precautions checked.

Shops and Offices.

13 inspections were carried out and no Notices were served.

Smoke Abatement.

No complaints were made or Nuisances arose over smoke emission, and no visits or inspections were made.

Eradication of Vermin.

No houses were dealt with.

Rodent Control.

In July a Rodent Operator was engaged on a part-time basis of three days per week. He first dealt with the Council's sewers and refuse dumps, and then was fully engaged in infestations in private and domestic premises, with the result that he was unable to commence his surveys particularly of agricultural property. His work is rather handicapped because of retricted transport as he has to share this with other departments of the Council. Prior to his appointment, surveys had been made by two part-time operatives who were also engaged in rodent control in a private capacity, which was not a satisfactory arrangement from the Council's point of view.

No. of complaints received between 18/7/55 and 31/12/55...	32.
No. of disinfestations " " " " ...	29.
No. of " being carried out at 31/12/55 ...	3.
No. of private dwellings included in 29 disinfestations...	48.
Total milage travelled	1604.
Total weight of Oatmeal and Warfarin used. (Cwts).....	2.66
No. of dead rats recovered.....	116
No. of Informal Notices under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, served.....	3.
No. complied with.....	3.

Note Each disinfestation requires approximately six visits to the site.

Following upon the myxomatosis outbreak which practically wiped out the rabbit population, the Council were informed in October, that the Dorset County A.E.C. had made a Rabbit Clearance Order for the whole of Dorset.

Camping Sites.

Spending holidays in caravans or tents is becoming more popular every year, and the lovely coast of this Rural District attracts large numbers of campers.

29 camping licences were issued or renewed during the year authorising the use of 670 caravans on 29 sites and the winter storage of 383 caravans on 17 sites. 4 of these licences were issued to owner occupiers for the use of caravans pending the completion of permanent houses.

6 applications respecting 134 caravans were refused on the grounds of inadequate sanitary conditions or detrimental to amenities.

The 16 beach huts at Seatown, 13 at Eype's Mouth and 13 at West Bexington were approved as temporary buildings.

5 Informal Notices in relation to camping sites were served and 15 complied with including 10 Notices served in 1954. 54 visits were made to camping sites during the year.

Schools.

Of the 13 schools in the area 7 receive Pasteurised milk and 6 T.T. milk; all have piped water supplies; 3 have bucket or vault closets while the remainder have water closets.

Flood Relief.

On the 18th. July, 7½" of rain fell on Burton Bradstock causing severe flooding conditions in the village and the neighbouring camping site at Freshwater. The latter was evacuated and temporary accommodation together with bedding food and clothing were provided at the W.I. Hall, Burton Bradstock and maintained until the 20th. July, 200 persons were provided with accommodation and 600 meals were cooked and served. In addition, the Council's staff assisted Bridport Borough in the evacuation of occupants of the Municipal Camping Site at West Bay. The Council also provided residents at Burton Bradstock and Bradpole with oil heating stoves loaned by the Military, to assist in the drying out of dwellings which had been flooded. A joint relief fund was set up and administered by the Chairman of the Council and the Mayor of Bridport. The Council's staff were also involved in clearing stocks of food etc. which had been flooded at Burton Bradstock.

Public Conveniences.

The Council own Public Conveniences at Seatown and Charmouth and these are cleansed by part-time caretakers. Sewage disposal plants at both sites are maintained.

19 inspections were made during the year.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Under P.H.A. 1936 (Nuisances)	115	Shops Act & Food & Drugs Act, 1938	10
Water Supplies	236	Sewers etc.	102
River diversions & pollutions	13	Infectious Diseases	7
Footpath diversions	1	Miscellaneous	24
R.D.C. Sites & Schemes	476		
Informal Notices (P.H.A.36) served	36	Complied with	26
		Enforced	7
Informal Notices (P. of R.P.A.1876) served	-	Complied with	-
		Not complied with (includes 3 served in 1948)	3 *
Informal Notices (W.A.1945) served	-	Complied with	-
Statutory Notices (P.H.A.36) served	-	Complied with	-
Statutory Notices (W.A.1945) served	1	Complied with	-

* The factory and adjoining premises on which these notices were served are to be connected to the new sewage disposal plant which has been constructed in connection with the Simene Close Housing Site in Allington Parish, and the notices will then be complied with.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is one slaughter house, privately owned situated in Bradpole. Meat Inspection at this slaughter house is carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon employed part-time by the Council. The owner of the slaughter house also has his own delivery van. 7 visits were made to the slaughter house by the R.D.C. staff during the year. Improvements were made to the yard, lairage and hanging room during 1955.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	550	379	703	2834	3731	-
Number inspected	550	379	703	2834	3731	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	3	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	104	78	-	358	25	-
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci	19.5	20.6	-	12.6	0.7	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	10	5	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	59	48	-	-	245	-
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with tuberculosis.	12.5	14	-	-	6.6	-
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors at end of 1955..... 4.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm..... 2.
No. of inspections of dairies..... 5.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested".....2.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" (Pasteurised).....1.

Small improvement works were carried out to one of the dairies as a result of verbal advice given.

Milk Sampling.

The following are the particulars of the 43 samples of milk taken in the District for analyses. These were taken by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Rural District Council.

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Accredited.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed,	5	20	12	-	37
Failed.	-	2	-	4	6

Regarding the samples that failed, the producers of these were notified and where two consecutive samples failed, the County Milk Production Officer was requested to visit the farm.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Section 20.

It was necessary to invoke these Regulations in the case of one Producer where Tubercle Bacilli were found in a milk sample. One animal was slaughtered and found to have generalised Tuberculosis. The rest of the herd after biological tests to the milk, were certified non-tuberculous.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises registered for the :-
(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream.....Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream..... 32.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected ..... 37.
No. of inspections..... 48.

No samples were taken for analysis during the year.

All the Ice Cream sold in the District is pre-packed.

Condemnation of Food.

The only food condemned was 4 lbs. tinned luncheon meat.

Food and Drugs Act. 1938. Section 15 of Byelaws.

No Notice was served under the above Byelaws for infringement.

Clean Food Campaign.

A Health Exhibition was held in Bridport Borough for a week in June, sponsored by the Bridport Borough Council, Dorset County Council and Ministry of Agriculture (Pest Control Division) and wide publicity was given in the Rural District.

HOUSING.

58 new houses were completed by the Local Authority during the year, 54 at Bradpole and 4 at Allington. 20 houses were in course of construction, 8 at Allington, 12 at Shipton Gorge, at the end of the year.

Since the war, 164 houses have been built by the Council in the following parishes :- Askerswell, (4 houses by M. of Agr. 1945) Bradpole, 76, Burton Bradstock, 22, Charmouth, 26, Chideock, 16, Stanton St. Gabriel, 8, Whitchurch, 8, Wootton Fitzpaine, 4. Allington, 4.

At the end of the year there were approximately 114 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected for defects..... 41.
No. of inspections..... 62.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation..... 5.
No. of Informal Notices (Housing Act 1936) served..... 5.
No. " " " " " " complied with..... 3.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act. 1936. Sections 9, 10, and 16.

No. of houses in respect of which Formal Notices were served...Nil.

Public Health Act. 1936.

No. of Formal Notices served.....Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Section 11 and 12.

No. of Demolition Orders made.....Nil.
No. of houses demolished following previous Demolition Orders..Nil.
No. of Closing Orders.....Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Section 26.

No. of houses in Clearance Orders.....Nil.

Re-housing.

No. of new houses completed during 1955 :-
By (a) Local Authority (Bradpole 54 Allington 4)..... 58.
" (b) Other Bodies..... 25.
No. of families in new houses.....83. No. of persons (approx) 291.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31.12.55.:-
By (a) Local Authority (Allington 8 Shipton Gorge 12)..... 20.
" (b) Other Bodies..... 36.

Housing Survey.

No. of dwellings in the district (estimated)	2721.
No. of dwellings finally inspected up to 31.12.54.	57.
No. " " " " during 1955.	14.
No. " " " " at 31.12.55.	71.
No. " " preliminarily inspected up to 31.12.54.	-
No. " " " " during 1955	2087.
No. " " " " at 31.12.55.	2087.

Classification of houses inspected up to 31.12.55.

Classification I. Houses fit for habitation or minor defects only:		
	(a) Preliminary	1326
	(b) Final.	19 *
	(c) Total.	1345
Classification II. Houses requiring structural alteration or repair:		
	(a) Preliminary	367
	(b) Final	5
	(c) Total	372
Classification III. Houses requiring re-conditioning:		
	(a) Preliminary	297
	(b) Final	9
	(c) Total	306
Classification IV. Houses requiring demolition and replacement:		
	(a) Preliminary	97
	(b) Final.	38
	(c) Total	135
No. of dwellings requiring inspection at 31.12.55.		565

* Includes dwellings rendered fit under P.H. or H A. and so raised from Classifications II, III, or IV.

Official Representation regarding 7 of the properties in Classification IV has been made comprising 2 Clearance Areas and 1 individual Demolition Order, and a sub-committee has been formed to deal with these.

Improvement Grants.

In October, the Council limited the amount of improvement grants to £15,000 for the year ending 31.3.1956. of which the Council's share would be £3,750. 78 visits were made in connection with improvement grant applications.

No. of Improvement Grant applications received in 1955..... 29.
No. approved..... 19. disapproved..... -.
No. approved and later withdrawn by applicant..... 1.
No. under consideration..... 9.
No. of separate dwellings included in approved applications..... 27.
Value of Improvement Grants approved during 1955.....£6,593.

One third of the dwellings contained in approvals had been improved by the end of the year.

Small Dwelling Acquisition.

No. of applications received during 1955 23.
No. of applications approved 20.
No. " " refused 3.

23 inspections were made in connection with applications.

Post War Houses.

No. of houses completed since the war :-
By (a) Local Authority. 164.
(b) Other Bodies 164.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority :

Allington.	4	Burton Bradstock.	38	Whitchurch Canon..	8
Askerswell. .	4	Charmouth.	50	Wootton Fitzpaine.	4
Bothenhampton.	12	Chidcock.	32	Bridport.	2
Bradpole.	86	Stanton St.Gabriel	8		

Total.....248.

No. of building sites acquired by Local Authority are at :-
Burton Bradstock (Bindbarrow) Loders (Yondover) Puncknowle (Clay Lane) Symondsbury (Watton).

Building Byelaws and Town and Country Planning Acts.

Plans Approved

New Houses 12, New Bungalows 13, Conversion of buildings into dwellings 6, Additional accommodation 6, Alterations and improvements 39, Installation and alteration (drainage) 31, Agricultural buildings 27, School and Hospitals alterations etc 5, Chalets and temporary buildings 25, Garages 38, Workshops, sheds and greenhouses 12, Electricity mains 9, New accesses 6, Camping sites 25, Shops 5, Change of use 5, Advertisements, signs 1, Sites 28, Petroleum installations 7, Miscellaneous 6.

Total 306

Plans Disapproved.

New Bungalows 2, Installation alterations (drainage) 2, Temporary Buildings 1, Garages 1, New accesses 2, Camping sites 6, Change of use 1, Advertisements, signs 2, Sites 23, Petroleum installations 4.

Total 44.

701 visits were made under the Building Byelaws and 67 under Town and Country Planning Acts.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

In the second half of the year there was quite a large outbreak of Measles which affected the whole of the district. On the whole the disease was not of a very severe type. The Malaria notified, was contracted abroad. 1 case of non-paralytic Poliomyelitis was notified and occurred in a holiday camp, in a woman aged 18 years.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

Close co-operation was maintained with the Head Teachers and School Nurses regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools. The following cases were notified by the Head Teachers; Measles 11, Mumps 35, Chicken Pox 2, Whooping Cough 3, Influenza 14, Impetigo 4.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centres. The following table shows the number of children who have been immunised up to 31.12.55.

Diphtheria Immunisation only.

0 - 4 years.						5 - 14 years			
Under 1	1	2	3	4	Total 0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total 5 - 14	Total 0 - 14
4	41	78	68	73	264	503	417	920	1184

Whooping Cough vaccine alone or combined with Diphtheria antigen commenced to be used about the middle of the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

The County Council are also responsible for this vaccination. Children aged 13 years are tested and when necessary are vaccinated against Tuberculosis. These children are tested and immunised at the schools which they are attending.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948
Section 47. Removal of Persons in need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under the provisions of this Section of the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1955.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over
Erysipelas.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Malaria.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Measles.....	187	1	21	31	106	23	1	4	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	16	1	5	3	6	1	-	-	-	-
Totals.	211	2	26	34	113	24	2	8	-	2

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Erysipelas.....	1	-	-	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic.....	1	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia.....	4	-	2	-	2
Malaria.....	2	1	-	1	-
Measles.....	187	1	13	68	105
Whooping Cough.....	16	2	5	9	-
Totals.	211	4	20	80	107

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938 - 1955.

DISEASES.	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Diphtheria.....	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	1	1	-	1	4	3	6	3	5	3	2	4	2	2	2	1	-	1
Scarlet Fever.....	9	6	5	3	5	9	6	5	8	9	6	2	11	7	2	6	3	-
Enteric Fever (Inc. Typhoid)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	-	5	-	-	2	3	-	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	7	-	2	6	2	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	1	5	2	1	2	6	4	3	2	2	1	2	3	7	7	11	16	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	-	5	4	1	6	8	4	2	4	1	3	3	6	4	-	6	-
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	1	-	1	1	3	4	2	3	5	3	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	-
Malaria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measles.....	Unknown	-	93	225	56	21	15	205	3	40	62	8	112	78	18	83	2	187
Whooping Cough.....	Unknown	4	-	47	2	10	26	24	4	60	24	34	37	62	31	80	21	16
Totals.	18	21	117	287	73	62	71	250	35	129	98	60	175	164	69	188	51	211

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases notified during 1955. Pulmonary. M.	Pulmonary. F.	Non-Pulmonary. M.	Non-Pulmonary. F.	Deaths during 1955. Pulmonary. M.	Pulmonary. F.	Non-Pulmonary. M.	Non-Pulmonary. F.
0- 4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
45-54.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

New Cases and Mortality. 1938 - 1955.

	New Cases. Pulmonary. M.	Pulmonary. F.	Non-Pulmonary. M.	Non-Pulmonary. F.	Deaths. Pulmonary. M.	Pulmonary. F.	Non-Pulmonary. M.	Non-Pulmonary. F.
1938.	1	5	-	1	1	1	-	-
1939.	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	-
1940.	2	4	1	-	1	2	1	-
1941.	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
1942.	2	-	1	2	2	2	-	-
1943.	6	6	-	4	-	1	-	-
1944.	6	4	-	3	1	1	-	-
1945.	3	1	3	-	1	-	-	-
1946.	2	-	1	3	1	1	-	1
1947.	2	2	1	2	1	-	1	-
1948.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1949.	3	1	-	3	-	3	-	-
1950.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951.	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
1952.	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
1953.	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
1954.	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

	Pulmonary. M.	Pulmonary. F.	Non-Pulmonary. M.	Non-Pulmonary. F.
Total cases on Register at end of 1954.	12	5	3	3
New Cases notified during 1955.	-	-	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	3	3	-	-
Removals from District into other areas.	2	3	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	-	-	-	-
Deaths during 1955.	-	-	1	-
Total on Register at end of 1955.	13	5	2	2

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		In-spections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	26	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	9	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises.	-	-	-	-
Total.	35	1	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Re-medied.	Referred.		
			To. H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	-	-	-	-	-

Part V111 of the Act.

OUTWORK.

Sections 110 and 111

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-workers in August List reqd. by Sec. 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Pro-secutions for failure to supply Lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
Nets, other than wire nets.	145.	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	145	-	-	-	-	-